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MINUTES OF
MEETING OF SUPPORT SERVICES HISTORICAL OFFICERS

24 April 1969 - 1330 Hours

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2. Historical Staff

25X1 The present organization of the CIA Historical Staff with Dr. Howard
25X1 Ehrmann as the chief and Mr. [] as the deputy was discussed.
25X1 Mr. [] commented on the review that is being made of candidates to
represent the Support Directorate on the Historical Staff.

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3. Assignment of Mr. []

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It was noted that Mr. [] ONE has been assigned the task of
writing the history of the Dulles era. In a recent discussion with him, Mr. []
agreed to furnish him with the names of Historical Officers in the Support
Services and a list of papers currently in progress within the Support Directorate.
25X1 It was pointed out that Mr. [] may be contacting office Historical Officers
directly at some time in the future.

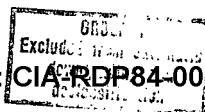
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4. Progress in the Historical Program

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Messrs. [] commented on Colonel White's urgings
to show more progress in the Directorate programs; his reluctance to agree to
the appointment of more annuitants to work on histories, or to extend the periods
of service of those annuitants already under contract; the slippage in completion
dates being reported by some offices - papers seem to reach an advanced stage
of completion and then remain without further progress for some time. Historical
Officers were asked to review the current status of their papers in process and to
forward those that could be considered as completed papers for formal binding

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X1 and numbering. Mr. [] also requested a complete status report covering the historical effort in each Support Office as of the end of May 1969. These will serve as the basis for the annual report by the Chairman of the Support Services Historical Board to the DD/S.

5. Research Hints

X1 Mr. [] commented on his experience in researching papers for the Office of Training. He has found formal interviews to be of little use, so has concentrated on documents. He has also found it useful to use a dictaphone in order to record the contents of various papers uncovered in Agency records at [] X1 His secretary is then able to transcribe these comments by subject onto 5 x 8 cards, which in turn serve as basic research aids in later dictating the X1 narrative papers. Mr. [] also commented that Historical Officers must be kept informed of what is going on within their own office so that suitable notes or documents may be retained for the composition of future papers.

6. Personnel

It was noted that Messrs. [] will shortly be terminating their periods of service on the Historical Program and Mr. [] stated his appreciation for their efforts.

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7. The meeting adjourned at 1445 hours.

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Chairman

Support Services Historical Board

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